BICP has been asked to workout the prices, of formulations based on the above bulk drugs, *suo-moto*.

(e) and (f) The Government has already brought 26 bulk drugs under price control. The Standing Committee constituted by the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals is looking into other cases.

Production of Metranidazole range of formulations

*159. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the prices of Metranidazole range of formulations marketed by May and Baker group of companies ;

(b) whether it is a fact that this company has created small Scale Companies to overcharge the prices of these formulations ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(d) whether it is a fact that May and Baker has purchased large quantities of Metranidazole from outside parties at prices cheaper than notified prices ;

(e) if so, what are the details of purchases made during the last three years, yearwise and at what price ;

(f) what are the names of producers of Metranidazole and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise ; and

(g) what was the quantity sold by each to non-associated formulators during the last three years, yearwise and at what price ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) 'Flagyl' is the brand name of Metronidazole based formulations being marketed by M/s. Rhone Poulenc previously known as M/s. May & Baker Ltd. To the extent information available, the names of Metronidazole based formulations and the prices thereof being marketed by M/s. Rhone Poulenc is as under :—

Sl. No.	Name of the Formulation	Pack Size	Price as per MIMS July 1990 (Rs.)
1	Flagyl tablets 200 mg	10's	3.62
	400 mg	10's	6.10
2	Flagyl Suspension (Benzyl Metronidazole)	30 ml Bottle	6.31
	200 mg per 5 ml)	60 ml Bottle	10.16
3	Flagyl F. Tablet	10's	4.55
4	Flagyl F. Suspension	60 ml Bottle	7.95
5	Flagyl I.V. Injection (Metronidazole 500 mg per 100 ml)	100 ml Bottle	13.34

(b) and (c) As per available information, Flagyl I.V. Injection and Flagyl F. Tablet/Suspension are being manufactured by two small scale units namely M/s. Denis Pharmacy and M/s. Biodeal Laboratories respectively and marketed by M/s. Rhone Poulenc as stated in reply to part (a) above. Further details in the matter are being ascertained.

(d) and (e) The Company has been asked to furnish certain details in the matter which are awaited.

(f) The requisite information to the extent available is given in the annexed statement. (*See* below).

(g) This data is not being monitored.

Statement

No.	Name of the Company	Production M. T.		
		1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
1	M/s. May & Baker	5.84	14.45	23.01
2	M/s. Uni Chem	89.91	123.28	93.76
3	M/s. Unique Chem	137.17	204.55	114.70
4	M/s. Fairdeal	6.09	15.26	15.23
5	M/s. Raptakos Brett	..	..	0.79
6	M/s. Chemopharma	6.57	0.43	9.66
7	M/s. Metroni Drugs	83.36	86.95	..
8	M/s. Unilcils	3.41	..	..
9	M/s. Caffeinhal Organics	0.77	..	..
10	M/s. Unique Pharma	..	..	18.41

Rectification of set off allowed to drug companies

*160. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :

CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 69 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1990 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has come to know that set offs have been allowed to certain companies wrongly ;

(b) if so, what are the names of those companies ;

(c) what steps have been taken to rectify the situation in each case;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has revised the liability after the rectification of set offs ; and

(e) if so, what is the revised liability in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Several representations have been received against allowing of set offs to the drug companies while calculating their liabilities to pay into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account.

(b) The names of the companies would be known only after the